



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 13

Meeting Date: March 16, 2007

Meeting Location: Monroe County DCS

Council Members Present:

Ruth Alewine, Interim Regional Manager; Stephanie Raventos, Owen County Supervisor; Angie Baugh, Owen County Foster Parent; Lindsey Smith, Monroe County Director; Steve Adams, Lawrence County Director; Jack Maxwell, FCM, DCS Lawrence County

Council Members Absent:

Judge Erik Allen, Greene County Circuit Court; Judge David Welch, Monroe County Court; Debbie Dailey, Brown/Owen County Director and Greene County Acting Director, Kelly Leonard Greene County CASA

Others In Attendance:

Susan Ford, Ireland Home Based; Julie Miller, Ireland Home Based

<h3>Meeting Minutes</h3>

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Ruth Alewine called the meeting to order, and briefly reviewed key issues from the February 16 minutes. There were no questions, additions, or changes to the minutes. A motion was made by Lindsey Smith, and seconded by Stephanie Raventos to accept the minutes as approved. The minutes from the February RSC meeting will stand.

2. Review of RSC Members/Vote on Acceptance:

Ruth Alewine announced that Judge Erik Allen from Greene County has agreed to join the Regional Service Council. A motion was made by Steve Lawrence & seconded by Lindsey Smith to accept Judge Allen to the council. The motion was carried and will stand.

Ruth Alewine also stated that Judge Stewart from Brown County has been approached to join the council, but at this time the judge's decision is still pending.

3. CWS Grants: Any County With New Requests?

There were no new grants to discuss.

4. Community Partners Program Updates:

Susan Ford from Ireland Home Based Services presented the members of the council with a summary report of the referrals activity in February. The summary stated that by the end of February there was 11 open cases currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety in Region 13.

The summary further stated that there were a total of 14 new referrals made for consideration. Six of these referrals came from Greene County Department of Child Services, and eight from Monroe County Department of Child Services.

The summary presented a detailed description of the activity of these referrals, indicating the date they were opened, the hours involved to date, the level of case review, the name of the Social Worker assigned, and a brief description of the type of services needed in each case.

Ms. Ford stated that Dr. Ireland was preparing a financial budget report that should be available by the following week. Ms. Ford asked the council what specific information they would like to see on the report. Ruth Alewine indicated that the report should be broken down by county expenditures and to include line items for the services provided, and the amount of dollars left on the grant.

Legislative Update-RSC being proposed in Indiana Code:

Ruth Alewine presented the council members with information regarding SB # 328. This bill is designed to eliminate overlapping and duplicate services planning and contracting responsibilities by providing statutory authority for appointment of the regional service councils, to include representation of the juvenile courts, county councils, and other organizations having responsibility for services to abused and neglected children. The bill would shift the duties and responsibilities currently given to the Early Intervention Planning teams, in addition to their current responsibilities for services funded through federal grants or state appropriations. The EIP teams, which have been inactive in many counties would be repealed.

5. **Practice Reform Update :** Ruth Alewine reminded the council that the roll out would begin in October. She also stated there is a power-point presentation available prior to the October training. All RMs, Directors, Supervisors, and FCMs will receive teaming and engaging training and will be done in three sessions. Peer coaches will instruct FCMs how to be Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTM) facilitators.

Teams will determine and focus on the strengths of individual families, identifying the family's specific goals and will develop a plan to meet these goals (i.e. getting children back, overcoming drug addictions in order to get children back, getting employment, etc), and every team meeting will include the signature of a confidentiality statement by all attendees.

CFTM facilitators will encourage family members to include any and all family and or social agency members having any association to their needs to attend the meetings. The meetings will include discussion of ideas with the family to set constructive ground rules, learning the history of the family's story including how the family got into the program. Follow up meetings will follow.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: April 20, 2007, Monroe County DCS. Debbie Dailey will conduct this meeting in Ruth Alewine's absence.

The meeting was adjourned